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## Raceway bond issue gets support

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

The Southwestern Illinois Development Authority has given its preliminary endorsement to the issuance of \$21.5 million in industrial revenue bonds for the expansion and improvement of Gateway International Raceway in Madison.

"We think strongly that this development will be an economic catalyst which will provide employment

opportunities as well as encourage additional private investment in the area," said Alan Ortbalas, executive director of SWIDA. At its Dec. 21 meeting, SWIDA members were given a presentation by Christopher Pook, president of ASTS, a subsidiary of Grand Prix Association of Long Beach Inc. In November 1994 that firm purchased the raceway and announced plans for a major expansion.

After listening to Pook's presenta-

tion, the SWIDA board voted unanimously to support the plans and adopted a resolution of encouragement to issue the industrial development revenue bonds. The board also voted unanimously to seek approval from Gov. Jim Edgar for a major obligation from the state for the bond offering.

Ortbalas and SWIDA are assisting the city of Madison in developing a tax increment financing district for the area.

In a TIF district, the amount of tax revenue received by taxing bodies is frozen. As improvements are made, the tax base increases, and the tax revenue it generates increases.

Over the district's 23-year life, approximately \$20 million in tax revenue would be spent to develop the area.

The first phase of the plan would be the construction of a new 4,000-foot drag strip. The second phase would be a 1.5-mile oval track. Included in

those plans would be 35,000 permanent seats.

When completed, the raceway would be a state-of-the-art facility and could attract National Auto Rod Association and National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing events.

The first phase is expected to begin in March, and should be ready by October. The second phase is slated to begin as soon as phase one is finished.

(See BONDS, Page 7A)

## Drainage bids high

North Granite project faces further delay

By Bob Slatte  
Staff writer

A \$200,000 drainage improvement project in North Granite — scheduled for completion six months ago but not yet begun — may be in jeopardy because all five of the bids received on that project came in at least \$100,000 higher than the amount sought.

One of those bids was more than \$300,000 higher than the engineer's estimated cost of the project.

The North Granite area has long been plagued by standing water during and after periods of heavy rain. The city began planning an improvement project for the area in 1993. The first phase of the project, to be paid for with Community Development Block Grant funds, was scheduled for completion in the summer of 1995.

But delays in receiving plans from Sherrill Associates, the project's engineer, put the project on hold for nearly a year. The bids were received and the project was bid late last year.

The plans call for a storm sewer system, a 60-inch main trunk running along Nameoki Drive and laterals of 15-inches and larger. The first phase is for an area bounded by 27th Street, Circle Drive and Nameoki Drive and would enhance drainage in the area southwest of 27th Place.

But each of the five construction companies that bid on the project submitted proposals much higher than the \$275,000 allocated — causing city leaders to re-evaluate the project.

C.D. Peters Construction Co. of Granite City was the lowest bidder at \$379,441 — more than \$100,000 higher than the engineer's estimate of \$274,655.

Other bidders were Keller Construction of Glen Carbon at \$630,405; Barton Contractors of

(See PROJECT, Page 7A)

Three options exist if the project is to move forward — reject all the bids and request new bids, scale the project back and solicit new bids or allocate more money for the project.

— Joe Juneau  
Engineer



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)

Magician John Apperson of Granite City attracts a crowd of Prather Elementary students wanting to pet the rabbit he pulled out of a hat.

## Magic man

Police officer loves to perform

By Bob Slatte  
Staff writer

John Apperson's house near Wilson Park is filled with rabbits. White bunnies — usually made of porcelain and popping their heads out of hats — are scattered throughout Apperson's household. The collection comes from Apperson's love of and fascination with magic.

Apperson's basement is filled with books on the subject and tricks accumulated as a professional magician.

As a member of the Granite City police department, receives considerable pleasure from delighting audiences young and old, large and small. But the best part of being a magician, he said, is the comradery that exists between conjurers.

"I've made friends from around the world through my association with (See MAGIC, Page 8A)

## Law toughens rail crossing penalties

**SPRINGFIELD** — In a drive to increase road safety, motorists are affected by several new laws that began Jan. 1.

Drivers who go around railroad crossing gates, fail to stop for school buses, park illegally in handicapped spaces or drink and drive face stiffer penalties.

A mandatory fine of \$500 or 50 hours of community service will be imposed against any motorist or pedestrian ticketed for violating a railroad crossing warning device, under a series of several new laws.

Previously, fines for the offense started as low as \$75 — even though the majority of the 46 fatalities recorded at Illinois railway crossings in 1994 took place at intersections marked with giant flashing lights or other active warning signals.

"I hope these new penalties will make more Illinoisans think twice before getting (See LAWS, Page 7A)

## For fighting police

## Teen-ager gets six years

By Bob Slatte  
Staff writer

A Granite City teen-ager convicted earlier this year of beating three police officers and tearing up a squad car is set to serve six years sentenced Wednesday to six years in prison.

Larry E. Severs Jr., now 19, was sentenced by Associate Judge J. Lawrence Keshner Wednesday to six consecutive four-year prison terms in connection with aggravated battery charges and a consecutive two-year sentence for the criminal damage to property sentence.

Severs and several family members and friends cried during most of the testimony at the emotion-charged sentencing hearing. Severs' mother, overcome with emotion during the hearing, had to be removed from the courtroom before sentence was passed.

A Madison County jury convicted Severs on three aggravated battery counts July 25 after

10 hours of deliberations.

Assistant State's Attorney Rich Rybak, who prosecuted the case, said that Severs seriously injured at least three Granite City police officers responding to a domestic battery call on June 18, 1994, and that Severs caused more than \$1,200 damage to a police squad car.

The jury acquitted Severs of a charge of aggravated assault, finding insufficient evidence to prove it at a police officer.

While Rybak asked for a sentence of 13 years in prison, defense attorney Samantha Kerth urged a sentence of probation for Severs, who had no criminal record.

"I really didn't mean for this to happen," Severs told Keshner before sentence was passed. "I was just in the wrong place at the wrong time.... I'm just so sorry."

Keshner called the case "a classic case of (See TEEN, Page 7A)

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**5 FULLER'S FORECAST**

John Fuller, Chief Meteorologist, KSDK-TV Channel 5

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Cloudy with a chance of rain. High pressure builds in Saturday. Sun returns Sunday.

## Faces



Sister Margaret Mary Wilgatke

## Family Dollar store shuts doors

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

Slow sales have resulted in the closing of the Family Dollar store in Madison's Alpine Village Shopping Center, 304 Madison Ave.

A corporate official at the store Wednesday said it was closed New Year's Eve.

"The store is closed and we are not going to open it again. We've done a number of store closings, and this was one of them."

The shopping center is owned by the city of Madison. Farm Fresh is the center's

other tenant.

City officials said they were notified of the store closing, and at Tuesday's council meeting complained about the company's decision.

"I don't know why city hall wasn't notified," Alderman Ronald Graywack said at Tuesday's meeting.

"If they are getting out they should have at least given us the courtesy of telling us."

The Madison store was one of 13 closed nationwide in December. Corporate spokesman Florence Stanley said the company was not down-sizing. (See STORE, Page 7A)

## LOCAL NEWS

# 2 arrested on drug charges

Both were wanted on suppressed federal indictments

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

A Madison man and Venice woman wanted on suppressed multi-count federal indictments were arrested Sunday evening, and could face additional federal drug and weapons charges.

Jerry A. Jones, 23, of the 1900 block of Fifth Street in Madison, and Yvonne Y. Nunley, 29, of the 500 block of Illinois Avenue in Venice, were arrested after being spotted by Madison police officers late Sunday evening.

Both are now in federal custody. Officials with the Drug Enforcement Administration in St. Louis said the

indictments were a result of an investigation by federal and state police began in June 1994.

Special Agent Shirley Armstead said the specific information on the charges was not available from the U.S. Circuit Clerk's office in East St. Louis Wednesday.

According to Madison police department records, Jones was charged with conspiring to possess with intent to distribute cocaine base, and Nunley is charged with illegal possession of a controlled substance. Both have extensive criminal records.

The two could also face additional charges. At the time of the arrest, a

Ruger Model 14 .223 Caliber rifle was found in their car, and during a body cavity search of Nunley police discovered a bag of suspected crack cocaine.

According to police reports, the two were arrested about 9 p.m. Sunday when two Madison officers on patrol saw Jones' car, a 1986 gold Cadillac Seville, in the 1400 block of Fifth Street.

The officers followed the car until they were able to identify Jones as the driver, and then stopped and arrested the two.

The couple's 12-year-old son was with them and was also taken into custody.

During a search of the car, officers found the rifle and a loaded magazine hidden under a blanket, police said.

## Weather delays new road system

**SPRINGFIELD** — Bad weather conditions have delayed implementation of a system to help the Illinois Department of Transportation respond better to bad weather.

IDOT operations engineer Joe Crowe said the Road Weather Information System would have helped IDOT in responding to Tuesday's snow storm if it had been in operation.

"We would have been able to monitor pavement temperatures on bridges and interstates and provide other useful information on an immediate, updated basis," he said.

Remote processing units that function as miniature computerized weather stations are being installed in various locations in District 8. The only fully installed system is at the Illinois State Fair in Hardin and it has not been activated, Crowe said.

Weather hasn't cooperated with the contractor's plans to have the system completed by the end of December, including a unit at the Clark Bridge in Alton, Crowe said.

Dry conditions and temperatures above 45 degrees are required for the glue used in sealing the monitoring equipment to the pavement, he explained. The contractor has until June to install the system but had agreed to try to get it ready for use this winter.



Jennifer Melson, 10, and Kristy Jones, 11, walk down Benton Street in Granite City, looking to earn a little money shoveling walks on their day off from school.

(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)

Meanwhile, in District 6, which includes Macoupin County, the system is operating and has performed well so far, IDOT operations engineer Larry Houser said. "So far we been

pleasantly surprised at the accuracy of the information on pavement temperatures and conditions," Houser said. The system even provides current information on which lanes of a bridge or highway are

frosting over and which are clear, he added.

The stations in operation include one near Litchfield on Interstate 55 and one near Jacksonville on Interstate 72.

— From the Alton Telegraph

## Child violence hearings

### Courts called insensitive

**SPRINGFIELD** — Two women who said they were sexually abused as children and a father who said his 2-year-old son was abused at a day care center say the court system would not help them.

The three were among panelists appearing at the first hearing of Attorney General Jim Ryne's task force on violence against children. The group plans to make recommendations for legislation by next spring.

Most of those testifying at the hearing last month focused on sexual assault, domestic violence and called for more uniform standards and more sensitivity by the courts in assisting victims of such crimes.

"Some state attorneys don't care, and others rather than a mother than a sexual abuse case," said Rebecca Ritchey of Fairview Heights, who said a prosecutor required her to take a polygraph test after she was assaulted in sixth grade. She also said her attacker was released on bond despite convictions for sexually abusing children.

Melissa Hawker of Shellyville said the court system failed her, both as a child victim of sexual abuse and an adult victim of domestic abuse during her marriage. "I am very angry at a court system that failed to protect me," she said.

Hawker suggested Illinois turn to Nashville, Tenn., for a model of a special 34-officer unit designed specifically to investigate crimes against children.

U.S. Marine Corps Sgt. Bill Atwater testified that, despite his 2-year-old son's behavior and accounts and what he called overwhelming evidence from doctors, prosecutors and social workers, he refused to file charges against a day care operator who sexually abused his child.

Several witnesses called for legislation to require more uniform standards for investigating and prosecuting sexual assaults against children. Some suggested the Illinois State Police and Attorney General's Office be allowed to intervene if local authorities fail to act.

Witnesses also urged the task force to propose a change in the law to require mandatory investigation of possible child abuse whenever police receive a domestic violence call. They said spouse abuse is often linked to child abuse.

The directors of child advocacy centers in Bloomington and Peoria said a team approach involving social agencies, police, prosecutors and the courts had helped their communities better respond to child abuse.

— From the Alton Telegraph

## Man charged with robbery

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

A Madison man was charged Tuesday with the New Year's Eve robbery of an East St. Louis man.

Anthony R. Evans, 23, of the 1600 block of Madison Avenue, was charged Tuesday with one count of armed robbery. He is in custody at the Madison County jail with a \$100,000 bond.

According to reports, a Madison police officer was on patrol in the 1600 block of Sixth Street when he observed a man running westbound. When the man saw the police car, he ran to it and told the officer he had just been robbed at gunpoint in the alley between Fifth and Sixth streets.

The officer went to investigate and saw Evans running toward the Officers from Venice, Madison and Madison County were called in to secure the area.

Evans was captured after a Madison police officer used a police dog, Odie. The dog found Evans hiding in a porch in the 1600 block of Sixth Street, authorities said.

Evans was then taken back to the scene and identified by the victim, police said.

Police said they recovered more than \$700 and several personal items belonging to the victim from Evans, and found a nickel plated revolver nearby.

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## News in review

News in review provides a summary of some of the past week's stories. This column is designed for out-of-town readers who do not receive the Sunday and Wednesday Press-Record/Journals.

## Snowstorm extends vacation

Students in the Granite City area enjoyed an extended Christmas holiday vacation when the second snowstorm of the season prompted school officials to cancel classes Tuesday.

At press time Tuesday morning, while as much as six inches of snow was being reported south of St. Louis, only about an inch had fallen on the Tri-Cities area.

But large flakes were falling and the National Weather Service was predicting eight to 12 inches before the winter storm passed through.

## Gang commission appointed

Gov. Jim Edgar's Commission on Gangs in Illinois is short on representation from Southern Illinois, but local authorities have different opinions about how that will affect the commission's mission.

In announcing the commission's formation last week, Edgar said the spread of gangs outside major metropolitan areas requires a statewide combative strategy.

Edgar appointed 34 commission members, including law enforcement officials, state and federal prosecutors, educators and representatives of business and labor organizations. East St. Louis Mayor Gordon Bush was the only appointee from an area south of Springfield.

Some local officials criticized the area's relative absence from the panel. Others said that shouldn't matter in the long run.

## 4 family members reunited

As an officer in the Salvation Army, Arnold Hassler spent much of his time helping other people find their families.

Last week he finally found his own.

Hassler, of Riverside Calif.; along with his sister, Jeanne Wojcik of Titusville, Fla.; brother, Frank Richter of Rosamond, Ill.; and mother, Edna Ray Requat of Warrington, Mo.; met at the home of relatives Jim and Arlene Tadlock in Granite City, the first time they have been together since being separated 45 years ago.

## Burglars get \$5,000

Police say they have some good leads in the investigation of a burglary at the C&H Quick Mart, where more than \$5,000 was taken early Wednesday morning. The job was probably done by someone with experience, police say.

The burglary occurred sometime between 12:30 a.m. and 5:25 a.m. Wednesday, according to a police report.

Telephone wires to the store, located at Missouri Avenue and West Pontoon Road, were also cut, the report states.

## Madison pays cash for building

Paying cash for its new city hall will save the city of Madison \$300,000 immediately, and it will save the cost of financing the purchase of the Lahey-Sedlak Funeral Home building at 615 Madison Ave. for \$120,000 from Thomas of Granite City.

Mayor John Bellcoff said Friday morning he was going to Edwardsville later that day to finalize the deal.

The cost of the building is \$117,000.

The city had originally agreed to purchase the building for \$120,000, but later negotiated a reduction if the building was paid for in cash by the end of the year.

## Warrior grapplers win title

It wasn't a record-setting performance, but the host Granite City High School Warriors managed to survive the tough competition and win their third straight Holiday Wrestling Tournament title on Thursday.

Granite City placed 10 of its 13 wrestlers in the finals on the way to 215 team points, 33 more than second place Civic Memorial High School.

The Warriors finished with two champions, five runners-up, and one each at third, fourth and fifth place.

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# Stickers to be required for utility activation

By Bob Slatte  
Staff writer

All Granite City residents will have to have a sticker placed on their electrical meters before Illinois Power will turn on their power, under a plan tentatively approved by the City Council Tuesday.

Under the plan, all rental property would require an inspection by the city's staff each time there is a change in tenants. Stickers would be placed on meters of rental units only after the building passes inspection. Inspections and stickers would also be required for commercial property. Inspections would be waived on homes occupied by the owners, but those

units would still need a sticker before power could be turned on.

A sticker for rental units will cost \$25 — the current fee for an inspection. Stickers for owner-occupied homes where the inspection is waived will be provided at no charge.

The council voted 11-1 Tuesday to have the city require the use of its current occupancy code and recommend changes necessary to implement the sticker program.

The change is necessary because Illinois Power has changed the way it does business, Zoning Administrator Greg Holt said.

Each turnover of power to a housing unit, IP used to check with the engineering office each time there was a name change on utility bills,

Hollis said. But, as of Jan. 1, all that is required to activate power is a customer telephone call to IP's Decatur office.

IP came up with the optional sticker plan for municipalities that require inspections. But, the company said, cities must either require stickers for all activations or not require them at all.

While the City Council wanted to continue requiring inspections on rental property, aldermen voted last month against requiring inspections on owner-occupied, single-family dwellings.

"We don't want (electricity and gas service on) all renters just turned on by a telephone call," said Alderman Craig Tarpoff, chairman

of the City Council's Planning, Zoning and Engineering Committee.

Tarpoff said the inspections help to eliminate unsafe conditions and ensure that rental units meet city electrical codes.

Hollis said the new program will require additional manpower in the office to handle additional paperwork that will be faxed to Illinois Power. He suggested an existing part-time clerk be upgraded to full-time.

Alderman Bob Page cast the lone vote against the sticker program. He said the program penalizes those who abide by the rules while allowing others to circumvent the law.

Page said landlords can have utilities placed

(See STICKER, Page 7A)

## Madison finalizes street purchases

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

Ordinances dealing with the financing of two pieces of heavy equipment and the Street Department were approved at the city council meeting Tuesday.

The city will use a four-year lease-purchase agreement to obtain a front-end loader and new garbage truck for use by the Street Department.

The total cost including financing will be \$187,056.96. Part of the cost of the front-end loader will be paid by Motor Fuel Tax funds.

The remainder of the cost and the total cost of the garbage truck will be paid from money set aside from trash collection fees.

In late November the council approved purchasing the front-end loader from Erb Equipment Co. for \$78,111, and a new garbage truck from Key Equipment in St. Louis for \$87,780.

The purchase of the garbage truck includes a trade-in.

In other business, the council voted on several matters relating to the city hall and police.

In a series of votes, the council approved adding the building to the city's insurance, seeking an engineering study of improvements necessary to comply with the Americans With Disabilities Act, to seek bids for either a new roof or repairs on the existing one and to negotiate with a local bank for financing of improvements.

All the votes passed 7-1, with Alderman Norris Horton voting no on all.

Horton has been an outspoken critic of the plans for a new city hall.

Council officials finalized the purchase of the building Friday at a cost of \$117,000. The council had originally agreed to purchase the building for \$120,000, but later negotiated a reduction if the building was paid for in cash by the end of 1995.

The council originally approved purchase of the building in October for \$120,000 but voted to renegotiate the deal in late November after an inspection revealed some problems with the roof.

The council approved going ahead with the purchase at a special meeting Dec. 13.

City officials plan to move both the city hall and police station.

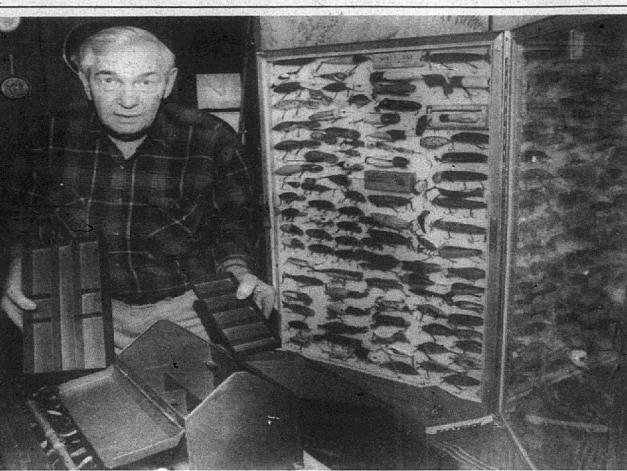
The total cost of the move is expected to be between \$90,000 and \$100,000.

City officials have been considering the move since late summer when problems developed in trying to make the present city hall at 1529 Third St. comply with the Americans With Disabilities Act.

Part of the cost of renovations — work required to comply with the ADA — will be paid with a \$107,000 grant from Madison County Community Development.

The grant will originally be used to install an elevator at the new city hall, a clever idea that made the second floor council chambers and offices accessible.

However, there were problems with tying the elevator into the existing building, and the cost was more than expected.



(Staff photo by T.L. WITT)

Wes Gray of Belleville, an avid collector of fishing tackle, shows off a Kennedy tackle box from the mid-'40s that he found at a garage sale. Gray is a member of the National Fishing Lure Collector's Club.

## Fishing show this weekend

A display of antique fishing tackle by members of the National Fishing Lure Collector's Club will be on display at the Let's Go Fishing Show scheduled for Friday, Saturday and Sunday at the Gateway Center in Collinsville.

Show exhibitors will be presenting for sale a wide selection of fishing tackle, accessories and fishing boats. Organizer Steve Lengel said this will be the biggest show yet.

A major attraction will be seminars offered by regional experts and guides. KMOX Radio's team of Tony Allbright and Bill Selbel will be "Talking Fish" with the crowd at 3:30 p.m. Saturday.

Tim Renken of the St. Louis Post Dispatch, who has been writing and teaching about fishing for more than 30 years, will present a seminar on bluegill fishing at 6:30 p.m. Friday.

Among pros featured are some of the top names in tournament fishing, including Paul

Elias on Friday, Charlie Campbell and Stacey Kinney Saturday and Guido Hibdon and Howard Allen Sunday.

Members of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources will be providing a "pitch and win" contest for young anglers, and teaching proper fish handling techniques for kids.

Coupons good for \$1 off the regular admission are available at participating NAPA Auto Parts stores and at participating boat dealers, including Hylsky's Marine and The Boat Place in Belleville, Nameoki Village Marina, Granite City, and Motor in East Alton. Olson Marine in Highland and The Fishing Hole and Bud's Place in St. Louis.

Admission at the door is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children ages 6-12, with children 5 and under free. Show hours are 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Sunday.

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# Opinion

## Editorials

### They just don't get it

(The following editorial is from the Alton Telegraph.) Are the soles of your feet starting to tingle yet? Well, maybe your feet just haven't been held to the fire long enough.

That'll be taken care of as the childish standoff over the federal budget continues.

Once again at loggerheads, the balanced budget stand-off between Democratic President Clinton and the Republican House leadership has spawned another government "shutdown."

Of course, we've all come to understand that what shutdown means in this context is that federal employees have been given another unearned paid vacation and taxpayers are denied their services so politicians can make their points.

Problem is, they still haven't learned that the point they're making with taxpayers is more like a pike in the eye with a sharp stick than a meaningful message about responsible government.

We do not hold any ill will for the "furloughed" federal employees. It was not their choice that their agencies have been shut down.

But the simple fact is that those employees have no cause to fear they might lose pay during the shutdown, rather, they are virtually guaranteed that they are free to enjoy that time off and pick up their customary check when it's all over. If the situation were handled as it is in the private sector — no work, no pay — we can be fairly certain that those employees and their organizational representatives would be clamoring for an end to the shutdown.

The politicians on either side of the debate will claim that the amount of pay involved in the shutdown pales in significance to the particular issues or causes with which they've aligned themselves.

They simply refuse to acknowledge that the taxpayers — regardless of where they stand on the issues or causes — believe waste is waste.

And the sort of wanton, willful and avoidable waste that they're promoting is the cruelest outrage of all.

### Be an organ donor

Looking for a New Year's resolution?

The Illinois Secretary of State has one that can't be beat — become an organ donor and take a few simple steps to make sure that your wishes are carried out.

If you're a licensed Illinois driver, as the vast majority of adults are, you need only turn over your license to find a form that you and witnesses can sign to authorize transplantation of your organs in the event of your death.

A publicity campaign last year substantially boosted the number of Illinoisans who signed the form, in fact, setting a national record for the state in improving participation in transplant programs.

Since that time, however, experience has proven that even while many people sign up through the program to sign the form, they neglected to make sure their relatives — the people who have the final say in the matter — were aware of their wishes.

As a result, many people who died unexpectedly were denied their wish to make a life-giving donation to others.

This year, in addition to again urging motorists to sign the organ donation form on their licenses, state officials are also reminding potential donors to make sure that their likely survivors — spouses, parents, children or other next of kin — know their desires.

With the consistent improvement of surgical skills and techniques, more and more medical problems are being solved with organ transplants.

Unfortunately, however, the need for organs has far exceeded the demand.

As this new year begins — when you ponder whether you want to tie yourself down to a resolution — consider organ donation, the pledge that's easy to keep and could give someone else the chance to make many more resolutions for many years to come.

— From the Alton Telegraph

### Task force a good idea

Attorney General Jim Ryan's task force on violence against children is a timely and necessary approach to developing good sound legislation to guide the treatment of the vicious crime's innocent victims and the prosecution of sexual offenders and abusers who prey on children.

The physical and sexual abuse of children is perhaps the most disgraceful crime trend with which we as a society must deal. But the problem is becoming further compounded by acrimonious debates between child welfare advocates who claim that child victims are too often ignored and legalists who complain, sometimes correctly, that overzealous prosecution and questionable therapeutic techniques are trampling on civil rights and even creating witch hunts based on false charges.

In its first hearing, Ryan's task force heard from a variety of people, including adults who were abuse victims as children or whose own children were victims; law enforcement officials; social service professionals; and others.

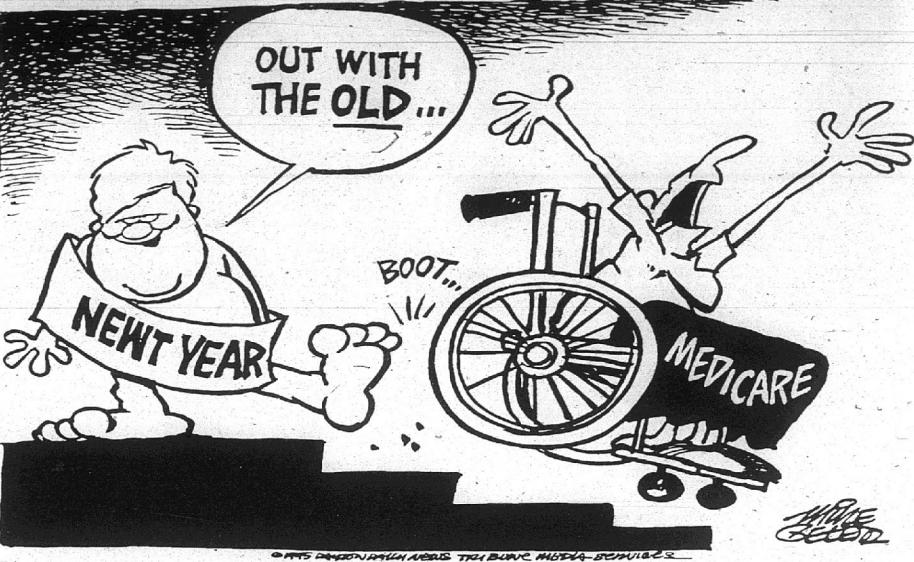
Task force members were challenged with a wide range of concerns, from the pain of abuse survivors who think the system's indifference compounded their suffering; to a psychologist's ominous prediction that abusers can never be cured and will remain society's obligation for their lifetime; to suggestions that state prosecutors be authorized to intervene in cases in which local prosecutors are slow to act.

The task force will hold more hearings this year, as it prepares recommendations for legislation to better protect children from violence.

No doubt the vast majority of us would come down hard on the side of stern and swift prosecution and punishment of people who abuse children. But decisions about the law must be made coolly and rationally and with an eye toward immunity from legal challenge.

We hope the task force members will come up with proposals that satisfy not only our very human outrage over the problem of child abuse but our very practical need to meet the constitutional standards of law.

— From the Alton Telegraph



### Comments from Carol

## A life lived with zest and style



Carol  
Clarkin

above Lake Michigan, she'd hustle her own three kids and my brother and me out of the house.

"Go on down and play on the beach and don't come back 'til we call you for dinner!" she'd order, and my Mom, to whom this was a command, would bring us out and play in heavy traffic, would tremble with fear for our lives. None of us ever drowned, of course.

In my high school and early college years, it seemed to me that she kept an all-too-weather-eye on my cousin and me, though

considering all the trouble the two of us got into, I still

had the dark about what we were actually up to, she had good reason.

Over the past 30 years, though, I've come to appreciate Helen and her special one-of-a-kindness, probably because as we age ourselves, age difference seems to narrow and though

we'll never be contemporaries, we begin to communicate on the level of one individual to another.

Ed and I have, for a long time, planned an overnight stay in the St. Joe-Benton Harbor area whenever we head farther up to the lower Peninsula for trout fishing. Just to take Helen out to dinner and have a long evening visit.

In doing so, I've learned what a very funny woman she was. Once, on one occasion, when she was in her mid-80s, she (who never smoked or drank) noted with disapproval a party to ordering,

"I see you're still smoking, and I suppose, you're going to want a drink," and, scanning the menu, began pointing out some of the more healthful entrees.

A bit miffed, I responded,

"It must be wonderful, Helen, not to have any vices," to which she replied, "Whatever saves you, I guess." I still really appreciate a handsome young man! And proceeded to prove her point by waylaying a very good looking strolling musician and holding him captive with interest, after request.

Another evening, she regaled us with a description of the funeral of her step-grandmother, a woman

thoroughly disliked by Dad and all the girls.

All four attended the service, of course, and as the minister was reading from the Bible, Rabbi's virtues during the eulogy, Dad turned to his sisters and said, "My God! We've come to the wrong funeral!"

Helen sold her riding horse after the service and a few years later gave up bicycling. In her mid-80s she stopped driving, but still managed two or three times a summer to get down to Wrigley Field to watch her beloved Cubs.

She survived her husband, her son, one daughter, and two grandsons and she never indulged in a show of grief nor did she belabor friends and family with complaints about aches and pains.

The older Helen became, it seemed, the more the rest of us appreciated and enjoyed her company. She was, as my cousin Bob Drake recently wrote me, "remarkable...and so much fun to be around."

Helen lived a sometimes tumultuous life, on her own terms and with considerable panache and style.

When I grow up, I'd like to be like her.

### Letters to the editor

#### Republicans not grand anymore

##### TO THE EDITOR:

A group of perhaps 10 or so friends of mine, ranging in age from 81 years — top age — to perhaps 30 years, male and female, held a discussion. I was surprised and pleased by what followed.

Mr. Miller got all of these folks to follow his line of thinking?

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Your article is an accurate presentation of the facts, which needed to be published, but which I would prefer not to see in print. It is the epitome of hypocrisy for "Slick Willie" Clinton, who previously proved that he preferred to use public funds to finance his political tactics to arrange to have others risk life and limb in his place, to order young men into an ill-defined, highly questionable and potentially disastrous military situation.

JOHN W. PRICE  
Millsdale

president, a general consensus of the entire group was, "Thank God for the yes!"

OLIVER T. POTTER  
Grants City

#### Miller praised for Bosnia stand

##### TO THE EDITOR:

Mr. Miller and his co-

graduates as Mr. Dan Miller

for having written the article published in your Dec. 6 edition.

Mr. Miller seems to be one

of a few remaining journalists

who have the intelligence and

fortitude to "tell it as it really

is" rather than toe the line and

parrot the official, "correct"

version of every story.

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KMOV	(2) <b>McGraw</b> [McGraw (3)]	McGraw (by an Angel) (3)	Lois Revai	Parade of Stars					Telethon Cont.			
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KNLC	(7) <b>Davis</b>	New Year's Television	Mal Bond	Ernest Aptley	Poor-Sufr Van Impe	New's Television						
KDFW	(6) <b>Forwerty</b>	Maybelle	** * " [Iron Will]" (1994, Adventure) Mazzie Askin, <i>News</i>		Star Trek: Voyager (3)	"National Lampoon's Animal House"						
KETC	(1) <b>Lawrence Welk Show</b>	Time To Dance	** * " [The Lusty Men]" (1965) Susan Hayward,		The Big Tree" (1956)	Historic Steam Railroads						
KPLR	(11) <b>(** * All The President's Men")</b> (1976) (Drama) Robert Redford				Highlander: The Series	500 Miles (In Stereo) (3C)	Pointon (In Stereo) (3C)					
<b>CABLE STATIONS</b>												
SC	(6) <b>Scorpio</b>	Scorpio	Scoreboard	Scoreboard	Scoreboard	Scoreboard	Scoreboard	Scoreboard	Scoreboard	Scoreboard	Scoreboard	
CH3	(13) <b>Primetime News</b>	Primetime News Sat.	Larry King Weekend (3E)	News	SportLife	Sports Tonight (3E)	Newsight (3E)	Sport (Sports)	Capital			
NUCK	(1) <b>Primetime News</b>	All That (3E)	RenSherry	I Love Lucy!	Lucy Show	Lucy and Desi	Van Dyke	M.T. Moore	Newhart	Taxi		
TNT	(2) <b>"in the Heat of the Night"</b> (1994) Carroll O'Connor	* "Cobra"	(1986) Drama Sylvester	Stevester	** * " View Square" (1982, Drama) Sam Holley,							
USA	(2) <b>Beverly Hills Cop II"</b> (1987) Eddie S. Campbell	Duckman	Weekly	** * " Bedroom Eyes" (1984, Drama) Kenneth Gilman,	"Sorority Row" (1983)							
EPSN	(1) <b>College Basketball</b> North Carolina at Maryland (Lane)	(College Basketball: Iowa State vs Kansas State) (3E)	(College Basketball: Iowa State vs Kansas State) (Lane)	(College Basketball: Iowa State vs Kansas State) (Lane)	(College Basketball: Iowa State vs Kansas State) (Lane)	(College Basketball: Iowa State vs Kansas State) (Lane)	(College Basketball: Iowa State vs Kansas State) (Lane)	(College Basketball: Iowa State vs Kansas State) (Lane)	(College Basketball: Iowa State vs Kansas State) (Lane)	(College Basketball: Iowa State vs Kansas State) (Lane)	(College Basketball: Iowa State vs Kansas State) (Lane)	
DISC	24 <b>Team X (II)</b> Treasure	Wings (3C)	** * " [The Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World]" (1963, Comedy) Spencer Tracy, Edie Adams, <i>Local Forecast</i>	Local Forecast	Local Forecast	Local Forecast	Local Forecast	Local Forecast	Local Forecast	Local Forecast	Local Forecast	
TBS	12 <b>3-D</b> <b>"Smoky and the Bandit"</b> (1977) (Comedy)	Local Forecast	** * " [The Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World]" (1963, Comedy) Spencer Tracy, Edie Adams, <i>Local Forecast</i>	Local Forecast	Local Forecast	Local Forecast	Local Forecast	Local Forecast	Local Forecast	Local Forecast	Local Forecast	
WGN	12 <b>Bulls Eye</b> (NBA Basketball)	Milwaukee Bucks at Chicago Bulls (In Stereo) (3E)	Jewelry Event	Jewelry Event	Jewelry Event	Jewelry Event	Jewelry Event	Jewelry Event	Jewelry Event	Jewelry Event	Jewelry Event	
WHSL	10 <b>Connie Stevens</b>	Body by Jake	Jewelry Event	Jewelry Event	Jewelry Event	Jewelry Event	Jewelry Event	Jewelry Event	Jewelry Event	Jewelry Event	Jewelry Event	
AMC	28 <b>(3-C) * * * Pittsburgh"</b> (1994) * * * Prince of F***" (1949) Tyrone Power,	** * " [The Shootist]" (1978) P.G. Wodehouse, <i>Local Forecast</i>	** * " [The Shootist]" (1978) P.G. Wodehouse, <i>Local Forecast</i>	** * " El Dorado" (1967) John Wayne								
TNN	35 <b>Opry</b>	Grand Opry	Staller, Bruce	YesterYear (In Stereo)	Staller, Bruce	Grand Opry	Stalter Bros., (3E)					
MTV	98 <b>Mtv Countdown</b>	My So-Called Life	Summed Out! Best Worldwide Rules	Summed Out! Best Worldwide Rules	Summed Out! Best Worldwide Rules	Summed Out! Best Worldwide Rules	Summed Out! Best Worldwide Rules	Summed Out! Best Worldwide Rules	Summed Out! Best Worldwide Rules	Summed Out! Best Worldwide Rules	Summed Out! Best Worldwide Rules	
LIFE	30 <b>(2-C) "Colony Silence"</b> (1985) Gross Hause	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	
FAM	26 <b>** * "The Electric Horseman"</b> (1978) David Robard, Robert Redford	** * " [The Four Musketeers]" (1975, Adventure) Oliver Reed			Midnight (3E)							
A&E	31 <b>Biography</b> This Week	Investigative Reports	Paloo Casals Festival				Biography This Week (R)	Investigative Reports (R)				
SCI FI	99 <b>(2-C) "Akira"</b> (1988, Science Fiction) Voice of Misato Iwasa, (In Stereo) (3C)				Twil. Zone	Monsters	** * " Akira" (1986) Voices of Misato Iwasa					
HIST	96 Great Cheyenne Nations	Great Cheyenne Nations	Trails of Tears				Staling-Bi-Souk Nation	Great Cheyenne Nations	Great Cheyenne Nations	Great Cheyenne Nations	Great Cheyenne Nations	
<b>PREMIUM STATIONS</b>												
HBO	14 <b>** * "Discipline"</b> (1984) Michael Douglas, R. Tr. <b>(R)</b> <b>* * * "Another 48 Hours"</b> (1990) Richard Murphy, Tr. <b>(R)</b> <b>* * * "Serial Mom"</b> (1994) Tr. <b>(R)</b> <b>"Caroline</b>											
IMC	15 <b>** * "Fame"</b> (1980) (3E)	Fame (3E)	Dr. Brad (3E)	R. Tr. <b>(R)</b> <b>* * * "The Shawshank Redemption"</b> (1994) Tim Robbins, Tr. <b>(R)</b> <b>"Jason's Lyric"</b> (1994) Tr. <b>(R)</b>								
TMC	16 <b>** * "Fame"</b> (1980) (3E)	Fame (3E)	** * " [The Seventh Sign]" (1987) R. Tr. <b>(R)</b> <b>* * * "Night of the Demons"</b> (1988) R. Tr. <b>(R)</b> <b>* * * "The Killing Joke"</b> (1994) R. Tr. <b>(R)</b> <b>"Beach</b>									
DNW	16 <b>(2-C) "The Mighty Ducks"</b>	Legend of Arabia" (1982)	John Imagine				Peter Gabriel's Secret World (R)		Poly II Home			

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KSDM	Fist Estate Conference	Joyce M.	Principles	Sunday Morning (EDT)	Take 2	National Geo.	NFL	NFL Football	NFC Divisional			
KDNL	Today (In Standard Time)	Shawn	Press the P				St. Snd.	Faid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	
KDNL	Franchise	Frederick P.	Discovery				NLEX Worship	Ministry	Military	New Year's Telethon		
KDNL	Good Morning America	Star Trek: Deep Space 9	**/+ "Mixing in Action" (1984)	1984 Chuck Norris			Book-Wendy Brinkley	"Missing in Action 2"				
KETC	State Street (ET)	M Rogers	Barnaby	Lam Chop	Reading	Puzzle	Johnstone	J. McLaughlin	Was. Wk.	Johnstone		
KPLR	In Touch (ET)	Onewere	Dragon	Kisurfers	Ultracebra	Sharks	Action Man	Baywatch (In Standard)	"Action" Jackson (1988)			
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HICK	Summer Morning	Evans	TV Preview	NewsDay								
TNT	Magpies	Beeplejice	Looney Tunes	Upgrate (ET)	Monsters	ResSkinny	Rocks	Pete & Pete	Alex Mack	All That (R)	World Report (ET)	
TNT	Bugs	Scrooge Doozy	Gilligan	In the Heat of the Night	In the Heat of the Night	Heads Up!	Wrestlemania	Steve Peacock	Steve Peacock	Steve Peacock	Steve Peacock	
USA	Prob. Chil	Trolls	Sonic	Highlander	WildCATS	Exosquad	Fighter	Dragon	WWF Wrestling	Weld Sci.	Campus	
ESPN	Legends	Golf Hawaii	NFL Great	NFL	SportsWorld	Reporter	Sportscaster	NFL	Bodybuilding	Shooting		
DISC	24 Paid Prod.	Paid Prod.	Home	Start	Houseman (R)	Cuisine	Great Chef	Popular Mechanics (R)	Ring "Wings Steel Rail" (R)			
TBS	13	Scrooby	Planet	Pinstones	Gardien	Fam. Mat. -	+ "Jaws" the Revenge (1987)	Lorimar	**/+ "Piranha" (1978)			
WGN	12	Animaniacs	Slyvtr	Buzzo Super Sunday	Animaniacs	Frontline	Freakazoid!	Erthwm	Dreams	Out of Blue	**/+ "The Greek Tycoon"	
WHSL	10	J. Swaggart	Salvor M.	Paid Prod.	Paid Prod.	Paid Prod.	In Style	Connie Stevens				
AMC	28	"Who's Minding the Store?" (1963)	**/+ "Blondie" (1951, Comedy)	*** "Drama Along the Mchawse" (1935, Adventure)	*** "Drama Along the Mchawse" (1935, Adventure)	*** "Ghost & Mu"						
TNN	35	(Off Air)	Mechanic	Mechanic	Inside NASCAR (R)	NHRA	Will (R)	Raceaday	Will (R)	Will (R)	Will (R)	Will (R)
MTV	98	Sports (ET)	Sandblast	Deadline	Don't Shut Out	To Be Announced	MTV Video Countdown	MTV Video Countdown	MTV Video Countdown	MTV Video Countdown	MTV Video Countdown	MTV Video Countdown
HN	32	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News
FAM	26	In Touch (ET)	Popeye	Masters	WildKidnai	Family Challenge	Rin Tin Tie	Highway to Heaven (ET)	My Six Loves" (1965)			
A&E	31	(6:00) "Age at Dawn"	Breakfast With the Arts						*** "The Trouble With Harry" (1955, Comedy)	*** "Dallas" (1978)		
SCI-FI	98	Paid Prod.	Paid Prod.	Teen Club	Gravity	Sci-Fi Bus	Chet	In Space	Mythology	Spacecraft	Spacecraft	Spacecraft
HIST	96	On Campus			Once Upon	Once Upon	Once Upon	Once Upon	Year for Year for Kids	Automobiles	Automobiles	"The Red Tent" (1977)
<b>MOVIE STATIONS</b>												
HBO	14	News	Wiz. Et. Oz	**/+ "My Girl" (1963) Don Akyroyd	*+ "Amazonas" (1984, Drama) Timon Dakor	My Mother's Murder (3)	"L-R"					
SHOW	15 (5:45)	**/+ "The Major Man" (1993)	**/+ "Starz" (1994) Kurt Russell	"P-13"	**/+ "Little Big League" (1992) Jamie Edwards	**/+ "The Devil's Advocate" (1997) PG	"McK"					
TMC	17	**/+ "The Goodbye Bird" (1989)	**/+ "The Big Sleep" (1946) Humphrey Bogart	**/+ "The Adventure" (1992)	**/+ "The Adventure" (1992)	PG	"McK"					
DISN	16	Mermaid	Ducktales	Chip-Dale	Darwink	**/+ "Peter's Dragon" (1977, Fantasy) Mickey Rooney	G (R)	Flash	**/+ "The Iron Council" (1992)			

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## Obituaries

### W. Brummer

Walmer A. Brummer, 90, of Alhambra, formerly of the Granite City area, died at 9:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 31, 1995, at Hampton Nursing Care in Alhambra, where he had been a resident for seven months. He was born Feb. 7, 1905, in Venice and had been a lifelong resident of this area.

An organ builder prior to his retirement in 1989, he was a member of St. Peter Evangelical United Church of Christ in Granite City.

Mr. Brummer is survived by one niece, Darlene Unterbrink of Alhambra.

Arrangements are pending with Davis Funeral Home, 21st Street and Cleveland Boulevard in Granite City, 877-0120.

### F. Bolliger

Frederick R. Bolliger, 87, of Granite City, died Saturday, Dec. 30, 1995, at Wabash Christian Retirement Center. He had been ill for five weeks.

Mr. Bolliger was born April 10, 1908, in Granite City, where he had been a resident for 83 years prior to moving to Carmi four years ago.

Owner of Bolliger Upholstery Shop for 65 years prior to his retirement in 1989, he was a member of Niedringhaus United Methodist Church in Granite City, Scottish Rite Bodies, Almond Shrine Temple, Tri-City Shrine Club, the Marion County Firemen's Association.

Mr. Bolliger served as a member and past worshipful master of the Triple Masonic Lodge 830, a Shriner, a Past Master and past patron of the Granite City Chapter 650 Order of the Eastern Star.

Survivors include one daughter, Winifred Reeder of Carmi; one brother, Walter U. Bolliger of St. Louis; three sisters, Hulda M. Davis of Granite City, Lydia Hoover of Fort Myers, Fla.; and Anna Houston of Rotunda, West. There are three grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Services were Wednesday at Davis Funeral Home in Granite City with the Rev. Ross Hemon officiating. Burial was in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

### Project

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South Roxana and Granite City at \$554,034; Veile Construction of Belleville at \$17,507; and Hanks Excavating and Landscaping of Joe Jumeau Associates, the city's contractual engineer, said Jumeau Tuesday that these options' exclusion of the project is to move forward — reject all the bids and request new bids, scale the project back and solicit new bids or allocate more money for the project.

The City Council has already allocated an additional \$300,000 in CDBG funds for phase two of the project, Jumeau said. If the city decides to simply rebuild the project, new bid figures will probably not be much lower, Jumeau said.

"A couple of them are so close that they're probably about right," Jumeau said.

The project would be to install the main trunk line now and add the lateral lines when more money becomes available.

Jim Peters, of C.D. Peters, said the first phase of the project can be completed in about 60 days if the city decides to move forward.

C.D. Peters is also the contractor on an unrelated road construction project currently under way in North Granite. The company is building two new access roads to the neighborhood — one from West Pontoon Road south to Sinclair Avenue and another from Nameoki Drive south to West 22nd Street.

### Bonds

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When completed, the project will include 30 VIP suites and expanded garage, parking and other facilities.

When not being used for major races, the facility could also be used for other driving-related activities such as television commercials, new car and truck introductions, a racing driver training program and a driving training program.

As planned, the expansion would also eliminate the track club stages, which was recently seized by the federal government.

The total cost of the project is estimated at about \$18.5 million; it is scheduled to be completed in mid-1997.

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## LOCAL NEWS

### Vera Sternad

Memorials are requested for Niedringhaus United Methodist Church.

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Prather School kindergartners Devon Stein and Chris Niehaus watch John Apperson's magic show.

## •Magic

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magic," Apperson said. "It's something we can share — a common bond."

For example, Dr. Armand Brueckner, well-known physician and radio personality, is an avid magician.

"I couldn't talk about surgery with him. But we can talk about magic."

"It doesn't matter who you are — doctor, lawyer, whatever — you meet on an even plane and you have something to talk about," Apperson said.

One of Apperson's signature illusions consists of a box into which the magician slides a wooden, two-sided card. When Apperson opens the box, the lower picture of the face of a white rabbit appears on the card. He closes the door, turns the box around, opens a door on the back side, and the face of a black bunny is there.

Unimpressed with the trick during a recent show, a crowd of kids at Prather Elementary School screamed at Apperson to pull out a card and "turn it around." Acting as if he didn't know what the yelling throng meant, Apperson turned the card end over end in a clockwise direction.

"No! The other way!" the crowd screamed. So Apperson turned the card end over end counter-clockwise, confounding a group of children already on the verge of hysteria.

"No!" the kids screamed.

"Show us the backsides!"

So Apperson turned the card again — to show the tail of a black bunny, amazing the audience.

"That's what we call a 'sucker' trick," Apperson said. "With three or four in the act, they're not afraid for kids and it really gets them fired up."

The popularity of magicians is due in part to a desire for observers to figure out how magicians work their "magic," Apperson said. And he added, some of the illusions being performed today are among the best.

"There's a lot of money going into these illusions you see on television, and they're doing some wonderful things. But as live performers people hire me because I know and then they expect David Copperfield. I just can't afford

that," Apperson said.

Apperson is one of only four recipients of the International Gold Medal presented by the St. Louis Assembly of the Society of American Magicians, of which Apperson is a past president. He is also a recipient of two Silver and numerous Bronze medals. He is a member of the International Brotherhood of Magicians and past regional vice president of the Society of American Magicians.

Apperson's preoccupation with prestidigitation has aided him in his hobby, albeit accidentally — at least once.

About 20 years ago, a Granite City teen approached Apperson and asked him to

perform "that one trick." Not knowing what illusion the youth wanted to see, Apperson pulled one of a few sleight-of-hand tricks he always has up his sleeve.

"No, not that one. The one with the coin," the teen pleaded.

So Apperson made a half-dollar coin disappear.

But when Apperson made the 50-cent piece disappear in the youth's pocket, he pulled out more than he expected: a bag of marijuana along with the half-dollar.

The search was challenged in court, but was upheld as legal.

It was probably the ultimate "sucker" trick.



Magician John Apperson with the rabbit he makes appear in his show.



Apperson shows his rabbit to students at Prather.



Apperson performs a magic trick in which he makes a large wooden die he put in the box disappear.

## Health agency hires two

The Madison County Health Department is continuing preparations for the beginning of its operations in June. Two more staff positions have been filled.

Toni Corona of Fairview Heights is scheduled to begin work this week as the department's environmental health manager.

Carrie Palovchuk of Granite City came on staff Dec. 11 as a health educator. She is responsible for various public education activities.

Department Administrator Don Brannon said Corona has several years of experience with the St. Clair County Health Department and the Illinois Department of Public Health.

"We're very pleased to get her," Brannon said. "She'll be a valuable addition."

Corona will oversee well water monitoring, private sewage inspection and food inspection programs.

Palovchuk has a bachelor's degree in health from Northeast Missouri State University and a master's degree in community health education from Western Illinois University.

Two sanitarians also have been hired by the department, which gets started in June.

— From the Alton Telegraph

## Durbin seeks health care deduction

**SPRINGFIELD** — A 100 percent federal income tax deduction for health insurance premiums for self-employed people should be part of a final federal budget agreement, U.S. Rep. Richard Durbin said yesterday. He is pushing for the tax deduction in place of a proposed cut in capital gains taxes pushed by Republicans that would primarily benefit the wealthiest Americans.

A candidate for the U.S. Senate, Durbin said about 406,000 self-employed people — farmers and small business owners, would benefit from the increased deduction.

Currently, they can only take a 30 percent deduction, while corporations can deduct the entire cost of health insurance premiums.

"It's simply not fair that farmers and small business people are not allowed to compete on a level playing field with big corporations," Durbin said. "It's time for the GOP leadership to take a responsible approach to helping Americans by supporting working families."

Giving a 100 percent deduction for insurance premiums, employees and people also would "support the American dream of starting your own business."



## Profile:

### John Apperson

Birthplace: St. Louis, Mo.

Occupation: police officer

Hobbies: magic

Last book read: a mystery

Biggest accomplishment: two healthy, happy, successful boys

Biggest disappointment: "I would have liked to spend more time with my father."

Most admired person: Gus Falter. "He's the most honest person I know."

Favorite quote: "I feel more like I do now than I did when I got here."

Last movie seen: "Goldeneye"

Favorite TV show: "Home Improvement" and "NYPD Blue"

In high school, people thought I was "too young to know."

On my day off, I: "get up with nothing to do and when I go to bed, I only have it half done."

Favorite food: spaghetti

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# Sports

## Generals halt Warriors' run in tourney

By Rob Raphael  
Staff writer

How do you forget about a 40-point loss?

For Granite City coach John Van Buskirk, it's easy, especially when he looks at all the circumstances surrounding the Warriors' 84-44 loss Saturday to Decatur MacArthur in the consolation finals of the Collinsville/Schnucks Holiday Classic.

After losing their opener against Springfield Southeast — a game they easily could have won — the Warriors easily defeated Lincoln with on Friday and survived an overtime affair with East St. Louis Lincoln on Saturday.

**ALL OF THIS** with just five or sometimes six players on the floor.

"The kids gave everything they had to beat Lincoln, and the junior varsity did a great job left," Van Buskirk said. "Even if we would have played MacArthur fresh, I don't think it would have mattered. They

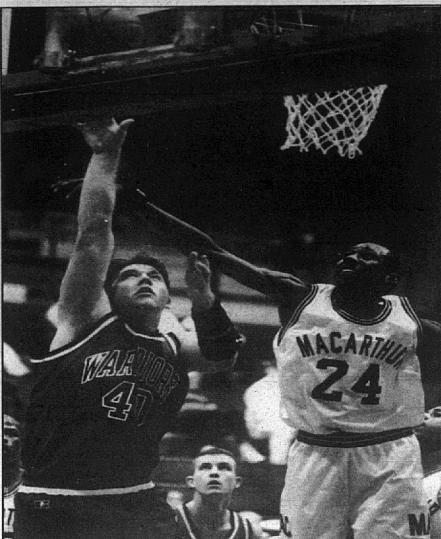
are a very good basketball team."

The Generals were without two starters when they dropped their first-round game to Madison. But both returned in time to play Granite City. Their big players in the middle had just as much for us to handle, and throw in their two guards, and you have a great team," Van Buskirk said. "I thought we had a pretty good tournament. Even though we lost the last game, I'm not disappointed."

"WHEN YOU PLAY three games in three days without much of a rotation, that's a lot to ask of your players."

Against MacArthur, the Warriors were without two of their starters. Dylan Brewer suffered an ankle sprain in the Lincoln game, and Ray Smith was simply exhausted.

"That ankle injury was bizarre," said Buskirk. "It happened during a timeout. He and Lincoln's big player (Kimon Green) were just turned" (See WARRIORS, Page 3B)



(Photo by MARK BONEBRAKE)  
Jeff Wallis (left) battles Ramano Dees of Decatur MacArthur during Saturday's consolation final.



(Photo by MARK BONEBRAKE)  
Carl Moore (right) looks to drive past Decatur MacArthur's Stefan Dawson. The Warriors went 2-2 through four games at the Collinsville/Schnucks Holiday Classic.

## Wrestlers earn medals in tourney

The Granite City Wrestling Club entered a pair of tournaments last weekend, and came home with several medal winners.

Granite City competed at against the Little Devils on Dec. 30. The results in the 10-and-under category are as follows:

\* First place finishers were Justin McElroy, Cory Nance, Austin Waggoner and Alan Winters.

\* Placing second were Brad Bigham, Jesse Chauslett, Troy Howell, T.J. Nance and Nick Rozell.

\* Finishing third were Justin Martin and Zach McElroy while Matt Cappotelli received fourth-place honors.

On Dec. 31, Granite City competed in the Belleville Metro-Scholar tournaments with several area teams on hand.

Placing first in all age groups were Jeff Carney, George Kirgan, T.J. Nance, Austin Waggoner, Winters and Gary Oxford.

One Granite City wrestler, Travis Morton, placed second. Placing fourth were Cappotelli, Justin Morton and Jamie Martin.

Fifth-place medalists included Tyler Carney, Troy Howell and Pat Feigenbutz, while Amber Davis and Matt Morton competed but did not place.

## Free throws lift GCHS in OT win over Lincoln

By Rob Raphael  
Staff writer

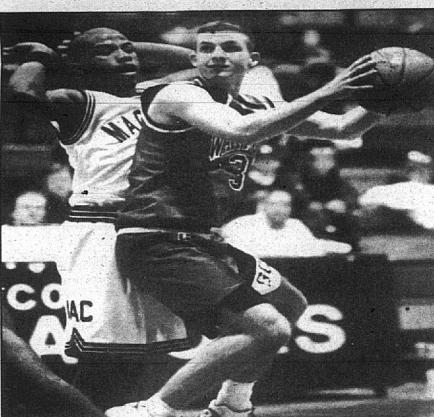
There weren't a whole lot of fans at Collinsville watching the Collinsville/Schnucks Holiday Classic consolation semifinal between Granite City and Lincoln on Saturday. But the ones who were on hand saw perhaps the best game of the 12th annual tournament.

Granite City did something it hasn't done much this season — hit crucial free throws down the stretch and forced overtime, eventually defeating Lincoln 69-66 at Fletcher Gymnasium.

**IN FACT, THE** Warriors (4-6) hadn't hit many free throws at all this season. It took them nearly seven games, but they nailed 16 of 23 against the Tigers (4-6).

It looks like we're really turned the corner on the free throws," said Granite City coach John Van Buskirk. "I really don't have the answer why they're hitting them all of a sudden. We're not doing that much different. There's still room for improvement, however."

(See GCHS, Page 3B)



(Photo by MARK BONEBRAKE)  
Granite City's Ray Smith eludes a MacArthur defender.

## Red Devils break even in Columbia tourney

By Rob Raphael  
Staff writer

Most teams just want to play two or three games in a big tournament like the Collinsville Christmas Tournament, and go home with a little more experience.

But Venice coach Clinton Harris wanted more out of his team last week and he may have seen some of what he was looking for.

**VENICE** went 2-2 in the tournament to raise its record to 4-6. The Red Devils defeated Red Bud (67-48) and Lovejoy (57-47) to advance to the winner's bracket semifinals.

Although the Devils lost to runner-up Lebanon in the third round and to Columbia in the third-place game, Harris is still pleased that his team played well throughout the four-day tourney.

"Except for the Columbia game, we played decent defense in the tournament," he said. "But then again, they've got those Paxton boys (Shawn and Ryan) and a lot of teams have trouble stopping them."

The Paxtons, twin junior guards for the Eagles, combined for 51 points and 12 assists against Venice. Shawn led both teams with 31 points.

**OF COURSE, THE** Devils will see Columbia later this

year. The Devils upset the Eagles in a great game last year at Venice, but this time the Devils will again travel to Columbia's gym.

"They're a different team at home," Harris said. "And we're a different team away from home. But I can't be disappointed with how we played. I was looking for more intensity — for four quarters — and better defense. I saw more of both of those."

Lebanon, which reached Columbia in the semifinals, won the tournament with a 79-68 win over Lebanon last Friday.

Now the Devils' attention turns toward the final month and a half of the season, particularly Friday night's battle at Madison. Both schools were expected back in action by Friday, meaning the game should go on without a hitch.

"I KNOW THEY'RE a very good basketball team," Harris said of the Trojans. "They beat that Decatur team (MacArthur), although I think they were missing a couple of starters. So I expect them to be good."

"Of course, they give us a battle any time we play them. I'm hoping we can continue our good defensive play, or we might get run out of the building."

"That'll be a heck of a game," said Madison coach Al (See DEVILS, Page 3B)

## Whitfield ends skaters' streak at 12

By Rob Raphael  
Staff writer

It's a long road to travel in the Mid States Club Hockey Association, but it took the Granite City Warriors halfway down the pike before they hit a stop sign.

Granite City, which had not been playing as well as it did earlier in the season, finally proved it was a team made up of human beings. The Warriors' streak of 12 wins ended at Whitfield last Friday in a Tier II game played at the North County Rink.

**THE WARRIORS** (12-1-0) had stumbled a bit in recent games with St. Mary's and Hazelwood West, but they played well enough to survive with their perfect record intact.

But that was not to be last Friday.

The Warriors, averaging more than seven goals per game, could only manage one first-period tally by Bobby Pritchard. The rest of the game, they simply

couldn't beat the Whitfield goalie.

"We shouldn't have lost this game. We were definitely the better team," said Granite City coach Dave Yurkovich.

"We ran into the problem of not working hard. We didn't play as smart or as hard as we had been."

"WE EVIDENTLY were thinking that all we had to do was show up and the win would keep coming. But that's not going to happen. Every team we play is going to step it up to a level in order to beat us. Our next team didn't do that. We are a much better team. They basically relied on three guys the whole game."

The Warriors had their chances. Granite City finished with 10 shots to Whitfield's 9, 33 overall.

"Out of those shots, there were maybe eight times when we really tested their goaltender," Yurkovich said. "At other times, we'd shoot it right at the pads. And we missed the net on a lot of shots, especially from the point."

And the Warriors didn't score much in our own end," he continued. "Two or three of their goals were scored from just a couple feet out, and we should never allow

those kinds of goals. Our offense did nothing to help the defense in our end."

**YURKOVICH ADDED** that goalie Tony Evans played well, but was left alone far too often. He needed his team to play well enough to win, but simply stood around too much in its own end.

"I didn't expect to lose this way," he said.

So, 1995 ended on a sour note for the Warriors. But now they can put the loss behind them and move forward.

"It's not necessarily a bad thing," he said. "We would have liked to have been undefeated, but each team goes through spells where they don't play well, and they lose. I think we can relax now. The kids have been tense lately."

**IT'S ALSO** possible that the return of leading scorer Mikal Gaffey, who had missed a couple of recent games due to a spark to the Warriors. Still, Yurkovich said that Gaffey wouldn't have made the difference against Whitfield.

"No one player ever does," he said. "I think he has an attitude and an intensity, that may pick us up."

Yurkovich said the team's (See SKATERS, Page 3B)

## Journal Writers' Poll Boys Basketball

LARGE SCHOOLS	
1. Webster Groves (7-0).....	70
2. CBC (8-0).....	63
3. Belleville East (5-1).....	51
4. St. Charles West (NA).....	49
5. Alton (8-0).....	37
6. DeSmet (3-3).....	31
7. Mehilville (8-0).....	26
8. Vashon (5-2).....	16
9. Marquette (NA).....	10
10. Francis Howell (5-2).....	9

## Journal Writers' Poll Wrestling

Week of Dec. 20	
1. Fox.....	59
2. Granite City.....	55
3. Hazelwood East.....	48
4. St. Charles West.....	42
5. Francis Howell.....	36
6. Vianney.....	29
7. Oakville.....	22
8. Pattonville.....	19
9. Belleville East.....	8
10. DeSmet.....	5



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)

Madison guard Milan Jones makes a drive during the Trojans' game against Quincy at the Collinsville/Schnucks Holiday Classic.



Bobby Pritchard

# Stats 'n' stuff

## Hockey

Mid-States Club  
Hockey Association

Standings  
(Through Dec. 27)

Tier I  
Red Division

Team	W-L-T	Pts	GF	GA
Webber Groves	11-0-1	23	71	20
Parkway South	11-0-1	23	71	21
Parkway Central	4-7-1	9	44	45
Parkway West	3-5-3	9	27	45
North Central	3-5-3	7	35	49
Parkway North	0-12-1	1	31	51

White Division

Team	W-L-T	Pts	GF	GA
CBC	10-1-1	21	65	20
Domet	10-1-1	21	65	18
Vianney	7-2-2	16	57	40
Chaminade	8-3-4	16	54	27
SAC	4-6-0	8	40	49
MICDS	4-6-0	8	37	50

Blue Division

Team	W-L-T	Pts	GF	GA
Hazelwood Central	6-4-2	14	44	41
Groveville	4-5-2	10	34	40
Fox	2-6-3	7	28	62
Mehlville	1-10-2	4	32	69
Lafayette	0-10-2	2	17	65

Tier II  
Red Division

Team	W-L-T	Pts	GF	GA
Francis Howell	6-3-2	14	49	23
Howell North	6-4-0	12	67	24
Howell South	3-7-1	7	59	79
Fl. Zumwalt North	2-7-3	7	30	42
St. Charles West	1-6-4	6	26	60
Lutheran South	0-12-0	0	12	60

White Division

Team	W-L-T	Pts	GF	GA
Granite City	12-0-0	24	69	28
Hazelwood East	7-5-0	14	48	40
Hazelwood North	4-5-2	10	41	54
McCluer	0-9-1	1	25	109

Blue Division

Team	W-L-T	Pts	GF	GA
St. Mary's	10-3-0	21	69	28
Rockwood Summit	10-3-0	21	75	27
Westfield	8-3-0	16	73	29
Marquette	5-5-2	12	50	32
John Burroughs	3-6-1	7	34	50
Glen Carbon	3-3-4	10	33	38



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)

Madison's Clifford Burris looks to get past a Quincy defender during last week's Collinsville/Schucks Holiday Classic. The Trojans fell 66-48 to the Blue Devils.

## Sports shorts

BAC baseball camp  
Belleville Area College baseball coach Jim Ellingson will host an indoor hitting camp featuring video tape analysis at BAC from 5:30-8 p.m. on Jan. 7-9 at BAC. The camp is for kids ages 7-12. Cost is \$60 per child to register; call 235-2700, extension 271 during the day or (314) 487-2768 in the evening.

Elks Hoop Shoot set  
The Granite City Elks Lodge #1063 will hold its local competition for the 24th Annual Elks Hoop Shoot, the national free-throw shooting contest for youth.

The competition will be held Jan. 20 at Grigsby Middle School on Cargill Road in Granite City. Registration begins at 8 a.m. The contest will begin at 9 a.m. Competition for both boys and

girls will be held in three different age categories: ages 8-9, 10-11 and 12-13.

More than three million youngsters from throughout the country entered last year's competition. Each contestant will be paired with a boy and girl in each age group with the best scores advancing through four tiers of competition to qualify for the national finals.

For more information, call Jim Greenwald at 876-4318.

Tri-City meeting  
Tri-City Siding & Window will hold its general membership and rules meeting for the 1996 racing season at 1 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 7 at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Granite City. Drivers, owners and new members can file membership forms and pick up current rules for the

five racing classes that will be contested at Tri-City's half and quarter-mile dirt speedways.

The 1996 season will again feature the winged SKOAL Racing Sprint Cars, Budweiser Grand American Modifieds and DIRTcar Super Stock half-mile with the Tri-City Street Stocks competing on the quarter-mile speedway. Rules for the new Champion Spark Plug Race Truck division, featuring four-wheel drive trucks that will compete on the quarter-mile speedway, will also be available.

FCA volleyball clinic  
The Greater St. Louis Area Fellowship of Christian Athletes will hold its 1996 volleyball coaches clinic on Saturday, Jan. 6 at a site to be announced.

Clinicians include: Belleville

## Prep basketball

Columbia-Freeburg  
Holiday Tournament  
Tuesday, Dec. 26

Game 1:	Lebanon	102	Bayless
Game 2:	Roxana	73	Marissa
Game 3:	Venice	67	Red Bud
Game 4:	Lovejoy	61	Gibault
Game 5:	Freeburg	64	Gillespie

Game 6:	Waterloo	65	Piasa
Game 7:	Columbia	87	Hancock
Game 8:	Affton	67	New Athens
Game 9:	Bayless	70	Marissa
Game 10:	Rcd Bud	48	Gibault

Game 11:	Southwestern	76	Gillespie
Game 12:	New Athens	56	Hancock
Game 13:	Lebanon	71	Roxana
Game 14:	Venice	57	Lovejoy
Game 15:	Freeburg	64	Waterloo

Game 16:	Columbia	86	Affton
Game 17:	Gibault	51	Marissa
Game 18:	Gillespie	60	Hancock
Game 19:	Red Bud	72	Bayless
Game 20:	Southwestern	57	New Athens

Game 21:	Roxana	59	Lovejoy
Game 22:	Waterloo	54	Affton
Game 23:	Lebanon	75	Venice
Game 24:	Freeburg	62	Columbia

Friday, Jan. 20

Game 25:	Gibault	66	Gillespie
Game 26:	Roxana	55	Waterloo
Game 27:	Southwestern	57	New Athens
Game 28:	Red Bud	68	Gibault
Game 29:	Centralia	55	Mount Vernon

Saturday, Dec. 28

Game 30:	Althoff	48	Wesclin
Game 31:	Bellefontaine	54	Granite City
Game 32:	Chicago Marist	59	Southwestern
Game 33:	Gibault	34	Centralia
Game 34:	Chicago Carver	50	Southwestern

Sunday, Dec. 29

Game 35:	Bellefontaine	63	East St. Louis
Game 36:	Quincy	49	Mascoutah
Game 37:	Carver	56	Centralia
Game 38:	East St. Louis	60	Murphy (Ky.)

Monday, Dec. 30

Game 39:	Bellefontaine	63	East St. Louis
Game 40:	Quincy	49	Mascoutah
Game 41:	Carver	56	Centralia
Game 42:	East St. Louis	60	Murphy (Ky.)

Tuesday, Dec. 31

Game 43:	Bellefontaine	63	East St. Louis
Game 44:	Quincy	49	Mascoutah
Game 45:	Carver	56	Centralia
Game 46:	East St. Louis	60	Murphy (Ky.)

Wednesday, Dec. 30

Game 47:	Bellefontaine	63	East St. Louis
Game 48:	Quincy	49	Mascoutah
Game 49:	Carver	56	Centralia
Game 50:	East St. Louis	60	Murphy (Ky.)

Thursday, Dec. 31

Game 51:	Bellefontaine	63	East St. Louis
Game 52:	Quincy	49	Mascoutah
Game 53:	Carver	56	Centralia
Game 54:	East St. Louis	60	Murphy (Ky.)

Friday, Dec. 31

Game 55:	Bellefontaine	63	East St. Louis
Game 56:	Quincy	49	Mascoutah
Game 57:	Carver	56	Centralia
Game 58:	East St. Louis	60	Murphy (Ky.)

Saturday, Dec. 31

Game 59:	Bellefontaine	63	East St. Louis
Game 60:	Quincy	49	Mascoutah
Game 61:	Carver	56	Centralia
Game 62:	East St. Louis	60	Murphy (Ky.)

Sunday, Dec. 31

Game 63:	Bellefontaine	63	East St. Louis






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## SPORTS

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### • Devils

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Collins. "I'm sure our gym will be full and we hope people can feed off of that and play well. I'm looking for a high-scoring game, so we'll have to shoot the ball well and play them as tight as we can."

Even with a win and a half left in the regular season, the Devils have only two home games remaining. Venice had the last two playing six of its first seven at home. But now the Devils face playing 10 of their last 12 on the road.

Included are shootout games at Peoria on Jan. 13 and Rantoul on Feb. 10. The Devils will also compete in the Sparta Tournament this month.

"It doesn't get any easier," Harris said. "We had better learn how to play on the road better, or it could be a long season."

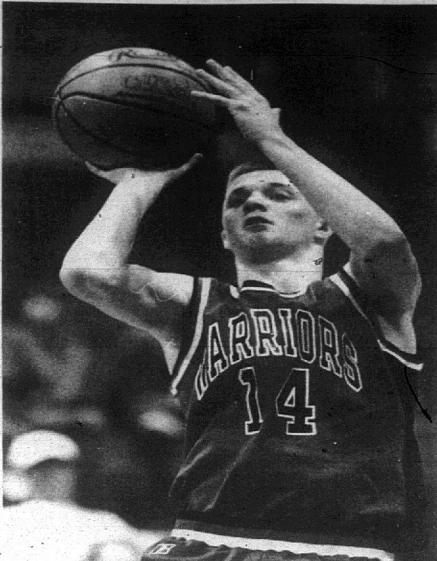
### • Skaters

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practices have been upbeat since the loss, and is confident GCHS can get back where it was earlier this season.

"They've been there, and they know what it takes," he said. "We have to come with hard work, and we have to go back to playing as a team."

"And lastly, we have to bring the physical part of our game back to the rinkwork. We have gone away from that, and I'm not sure why. Just go back to good, team hockey — that's all we have to do."



(Photo by MARK BONEBRAKE)

Granite City's Steve Logan puts up a shot.

### • GCHS

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While the Warriors were shooting plenty of free throws, the Tigers were not as fortunate. Lincoln had only seven chances at the line, and made five of them. But coach Bennie Lewis said his team had other opportunities.

"We just couldn't take advantage of what they gave us," he said. "We didn't hit our shots, and we didn't play good defense. You have to do one of the other if you expect to win."

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• Warriors

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ing to go to their benches and then cooled. He helped him up and said he was sorry. Neither one of them meant anything by it. Dustin tried to play in the last game, but it was obvious he just couldn't do anything.

"And we started Ray, and tried to do some things with him, but you could tell he just didn't have anything left. We felt very behind early on, so we just gave him some rest."

But Van Buskirk said GCHS achieved its main goal — playing four games in the tournament. "It's what you go for," he said. "And normally, you would think you'd have a chance to win in the consola-

The game stayed close throughout, and Granite City eventually took a five-point lead after three periods.

But a pair of baskets by Charles Manning, who led the Tigers with 20 points, was followed by a short jumper by Craig Brown, and the Tigers had a 50-46 lead.

Brown finished with 12 points, and Carwin Howard had 16. Kimon Green finished with 11 before fouling out late in the fourth quarter.

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• Warriors

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tion final, but we were going up against the No. 1 seed.

"Still, we can't let that affect us, we had been a very competitive team until that point."

The Warriors made strides at the tourney by taking the lead inside throughout. Ray Smith and Bobby Ellis had a field goal against Jacksonville and Lincoln on the inside. Of course, they were constantly hacked, and it would have been nothing if the Warriors hadn't made their free throws.

The Warriors are now waiting for Friday, to hear when guard Kyle Briggs might be back. Briggs was injured in early December in a soccer tryout, and has been sidelined ever since.

"We just kept putting the ball in Dustin's, and Ray's and Bobby's (Ellis) hands," Van Buskirk said. "Those three have really made a difference for us. They've taken a lot of the pressure off of Steve (Logan) and Jay (Simpson)."

After Ellis (11 points) hit one foul shot, Lewis called a timeout with eight seconds left and his team down 56-54.

Manning had trouble locating a passing lane, but eventually he found Terrance Slater for a turnover, which sent the game into overtime.

Again in OT, GCHS hit its free throws to clinch the win. "These kids are beginning to learn their roles, and that's what we been working on," Van Buskirk said.

Briggs will find out from his doctor Friday if he is cleared to practice. Ellerby will not be in the lineup for Granite City's Southwestern Conference game against visiting Collinsville on Friday night.

When Briggs does come back, Van Buskirk will have a tough problem. Which one of the five players does he take out of the starting lineup?

"It's a nice problem to have," Van Buskirk said. "It will depend on who we're facing. If we get pressured, we'll be able to go to a three-guard set. If the other team is strong in the middle, we can go with three big men."

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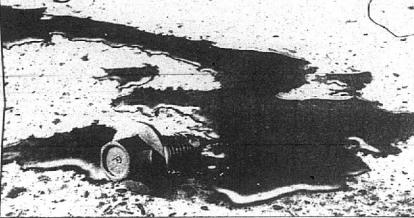
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## THE LAW AND YOU

By RICK REED  
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Many people assume if a physician or hospital commits malpractice, that this necessarily means that the injured party has a medical malpractice claim worth pursuing. Such is not always true. The plaintiff will have to demonstrate that the malpractice was the "proximate cause" of the injury and that the injury was of sufficient magnitude to make the case worth pursuing. The following example will illustrate the problems with such cases.

In one recent case, a middle-aged man went to a local hospital experiencing chest pains. The emergency room physician examined the patient and told him that he had arthritis in the chest. After he was released, the patient's condition worsened, and eight hours later he wound up back in the emergency room. An ultrasound determined that the patient was having a heart attack. This is a case where there was an obvious failure to diagnose, but no doctor was ever telling the state that it was a slight delay in diagnosing the heart attack resulted in more damage to the heart than would have otherwise been sustained.

In another recent case, an elderly

woman went to a local physician complaining of a chronic problem with her throat. The physician treated the problem as if it were a throat infection, and several rounds of antibiotics were prescribed. Eventually the victim began coughing up blood, and the physician still prescribed antibiotics. A few months later an ear infection resulted in the patient being diagnosed as cancer. The patient eventually died. Whereas there was once again a failure to diagnose, when the case was evaluated by a physician at St. Louis hospital, it was his opinion that the patient would have died anyway, even if early diagnosis had been made. He had his opinion on the type of cancer involved.

The malpractice victim will need to show that the physician's or hospital's conduct was negligent and caused the injury (the proximate cause of the injury).

Furthermore, because of the time and expense involved in bringing such a claim, the plaintiff will have to prove that the case will not bring such an action unless the resulting damages are several hundred thousand dollars. It is obvious from these examples that a person can be a victim of medical malpractice and still not have a claim worth pursuing.

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# People

## 1995 was year of change for nation, area

### Closings, non-closings were highlights of year here

By Scott Cousins  
and Bob Slatte  
Staff writers

The year 1995 was a year of change for the Tri-Cities area, just as it was for the rest of the nation.

The murder trial — and subsequent acquittal — of professional football and movie star O.J. Simpson received the attention of most of the country. In the same year, Gingrich's Republican-led Congress promised dramatic changes in the way our government does business. And — in the same year we celebrated the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II — the country's service personnel were once again called upon to protect our interests in other regions of the world when President Bill Clinton sent peacekeeping forces to Bosnia.

Locally, the Granite City area saw the closure of two important government service offices — the Illinois Attorney General's office and the state Department of Employment Security. Yet another vital government-run facility — the Charles Melvin Price U.S. Army Support Center — was saved closure only when the Base Realignment and Closure Commission removed it from the military's list of bases slated for mothballs.

On the national scene, the new year saw a stepwise, determined Congress with change on its agenda. Cuts in entitlement programs — especially Medicaid, public aid and commodity distribution programs — were on the front burner of the first 100 days of Congress.

Locally, those cuts — still being debated in Washington — had a major impact on residents of the area as well as hospitals and other service agencies.

And while the cleanup efforts from the Flood of 1993 were still under way, the area saw a second "100-year" flood this spring, causing damage and further causing devastation in the lives of its victims.

1995 was a year of change. Here, we present a recap of some of the year's top stories from the front pages of the *Granite City Press-Record* and the *Granite City Journal*.

**GRANITE CITY STEEL** — It was a year filled with both turmoil and promise for the 1,100 employees of Granite City Steel. When 1995 was just beginning, the future of the local steelmaking facility was far from promising as National Steel, the parent company of Granite City Steel, cut 100 jobs and moved jobs in a major move to downsize personnel costs and increase profits. Locally, about 100 middle-level managers were let go by the company.

But the year turned bad.

Granite City was finally a winner when National Steel executives chose the local facility as the site of a new

state-of-the-art processing facility, creating scores of jobs and preserving hundreds more. Thousands of area residents lined up to apply for jobs at the new facility. St. Clair County and Granite City officials promised tax abatements and other incentives to make the project a reality.

Construction on the new "Triple C" complex was nearly complete as the company began test runs on the \$67 million facility.

**PRICE CENTER** — On June 23, the Base Realignment and Closure Commission voted to take the Charles Melvin Price U.S. Army Support Center off its base closure list.

The commission rejected a Pentagon recommendation to close all of the center except for a small research enclave.

The Leadership Council of Southwestern Illinois had spearheaded efforts to retain both the Price Center and Scott Air Force Base, which was not considered for closure.

**U.S. Reps. Jerry Costello and Dick Durbin**, along with retired Gen. Fred Griffith, head of the Leadership Council's Task Force to save the Price Center, argued successfully that the U.S. Army had overestimated the cost savings and underestimated the expenses associated with closing the base.

The Pentagon had estimated that the one-time cost to implement the closure of Price at \$4 million, and an annual savings of \$8 million.

The Office of Management and Budget had said the relatively new housing at Price and services such as a criminal investigative unit and a recruiting company are vital to the military's mission.

The Army had tied the fate of the Price Center to the Aviation and Troop Command in St. Louis, which was recommended for relocation.

Officials said four percent of the housing at Price, four percent of the transportation services and 21 percent of the administrative space and less than one percent of the enclosed storage space at Price serve AFCON.

He argued for expanded services at the Price Center and said several Department of Defense agencies have expressed interest in relocating to Price.

Since being taken off the BRAC closure list, officials have been trying to bring a U.S. Army National Guard truck repair facility to the base.

If successful, that could mean from 150-500 jobs.

Base officials are also waiting for the U.S. Coast Guard to make a decision on relocating St. Louis



(Staff photo by PAM DOEPKE-HURD)

Volunteers help load sandbags at Granite City's main firehouse during the Flood of 1995.

operations.

The Coast Guard had planned to relocate to Price, but decided to reconsider because of higher than expected costs.

However, Price officials are still hopeful the base will be picked.

**THE FLOOD OF 1995** — It was a mild shower compared to its predecessor, but the Flood of '95 still managed to cause damage to homes and infrastructure throughout the Tri-Cities area.

While not as widespread as the 1993 floods, high water in the Tri-Cities area actually did more damage.

Hollywood star Bill Murray — in town to shoot a major motion picture with an elephant co-star — must have been impressed by what he saw, while several scenes were shot at the Straight Home Tavern on Edwardsville Road and at various locations in the St. Louis region.

Local officials said buildings were found to be relocated because more than 48 hours in a period of an hour and a half, May 17 — caused flash flooding throughout the area.

The flooding forced hundreds of residents to evacuate their homes and prompted volunteers, emergency service personnel and businesses to sandbag to save their property.

President Bill Clinton declared Madison and St. Clair counties federal disaster areas and officials from the Federal Emergency Management Agency opened offices at Belleville Area College's Granite City Campus, and set up a system of toll-free numbers to process aid requests.

Continuing rainfall, an antiquated drainage system and a lack of portable pumps kept waters high throughout the American Bottoms for most of May and early June.

**METRO EAST LLC** — In early 1995 developer Michael Vitis proposed building a \$60-million power plant that would burn waste wood and coal.

The plant would create about 40 jobs, and almost double the tax base of the city and Madison School District.

However, local environmentalists and residents of the Cloverleaf subdivision opposed the plan, citing increased air pollution and traffic.

Public hearings in late July lasted four days, including almost a full day of intense questioning of Andria. Earlier in the hearing, Andria outraged city officials after inadvertently alleging corruption.

The city council later passed a resolution seeking a grand jury probe of Andria's "allegations" but Madison County State's Attorney Bill Haine declined to become involved.

In September the council approved the siting, and opponents filed a suit with the Illinois Pollution Control Board. A hearing on that suit is scheduled for 9 a.m. Jan. 8 at the Illinois Department of Transportation office in Collinsville.

**GATEWAY INTERNATIONAL RACEWAY AND MADISON TIF** — The new owners of Gateway International Raceway are planning a \$15.2-million expansion that would make the facility attractive to major racing events.

That development would mean an increase of almost \$2 million in taxes for local governments.

To help the company, the city of Madison is the process of forming a tax increment financing district that would include the raceway and nearby truck stop.

In the TIF district, the amount of tax revenue received by taxing bodies is frozen. As improvements are made, the value of the property and the tax revenue it generates increases.

However, that increased tax revenue can only be used to make improvements in the district.

In November 1994, the Grand Prix Association of Long Beach Inc. purchased the raceway and the track.

Other investors included plans for improvements.

In May, Korte Construction Co. of St. Louis was awarded the overall construction management contract for the facility, located on Illinois 203 in Madison.

The first phase of the plan would include a new 4,000-foot drag strip. The second phase would be a 1.25-mile oval track. Included in those plans would be 35,000 permanent seats.

When completed, the raceway

would be a state-of-the-art facility and could attract National Hot Rod Association and National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing events.

The first phase is expected to begin in March, and should be ready by October 1996. The second phase is slated to begin as soon as phase one is finished.

When completed, the project will include 30 VIP suites and expanded garage, parking and other facilities.

When not being used for major races, the facility could also be used for television commercials, new car and truck introductions, a racing driver training school and a law enforcement driver training program.

Developers say the key to the project is the TIF district.

In a development plan presented to the Madison City Council from the Southwest Illinois Development Authority, the authority said the "development in the area has been 'unplanned and disjointed.'

The plan also cited the importance of the redevelopment area to the city as a "catalyst" and an effort to "improve the image of the community to the motorist and can have a powerful impact on development of the city."

Over the district's 23-year life, approximately \$20 million in tax revenue would be spent to develop the area.

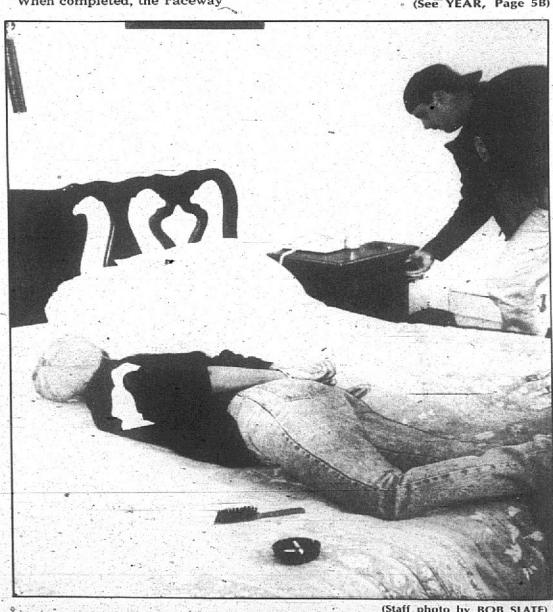
The city also settled a lawsuit by

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(Staff photo by KYLE HESTER)

Granite City Police Detective Mike Murgic looks at the remains of the crib where 8-month-old Shelby Hahne died in a fire Jan. 5, 1995.



(Staff photo by BOB SLATE)

Granite City Police Chief Dave Ruebhausen checks a nightstand at the Granite City Lodge for contraband. The motel was closed down for three months of 1995 under drug and lewdness statutes.

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By Kevin C. Staff writer

Another year it's time to take place entertainment. They were remembering.

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## ENTERTAINMENT

# Beware: 'Jumanji' is no wimpy game

Attention board game lovers: Beware of something called "Jumanji," it's not one of those wimpy things like Monopoly or Clue. "Jumanji" the game can be injurious to your health. "Jumanji" the movie is all loaded with glorious surprises as a grab bag full of emeralds.

The story comes from a prize-winning 1971 children's book by Chris Van Allsburg, and parts of the movie were filmed in Keene, N.H. Several filmmakers romanced the author over the years, but a deal was never consummated. Good thing. Because Van Allsburg's soaring flight of fancy could never be filmed properly until the technology came of age.

"JURASSIC PARK" AND "TOY STORY" demonstrated what now can be accomplished with computer imagery. "Jumanji" profits from such techniques, along with improved special effects and animation.

It would be disservice to telegraph the film's abundant surprises (although the trailer has certainly done so). The story concerns a game so terrifying that a pair of New Hampshire youths bury it in 1869.

A century later, a 12-year-old boy (Adam Hann-Byrd) discovers it in a trunk during excavation at his father's shoe factory. The boy takes the board game and makes his would-be girlfriend (Laura Bell Bundy) to play it with him. All heck breaks loose, and the boy disappears into a void.

Next it is 26 years later, present-day. The mansion is deserted, the family having disintegrated after the disappearance of the son. The boy is now in with his disengaged niece (Kirsten Dunst) and nephew (Bradley Pierce). The youngsters discover Jumanji, still thumping with jungle drums.

The pair start playing the game. Violent things begin to happen. The lost boy, now 38 years old — a bushy Robin Williams — reappears with stories of fighting jungle perils. To escape his purgatorial fate, he needs the help of the two children and his

### Film review

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original player of the game, now a neurotic adult (Bonne Hunt). As the foursome play the game, an incredible series of catastrophes befall them, from stampeding animals to a loony white bear (Dennis Alan Grinn) intent on killing Williams.

John Goodman, who helped create effects for "Star Wars" and "Indiana Jones" films, directs "Jumanji" with complete mastery of state-of-the-art film wizardry. He also devotes attention to the human factor, allowing a modicum of sentiment to leach through.

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**THE VALUABLE LESSON OF "JUMANJI"** is that all the new-fangled technologies can be valuable tools for filmmakers — as long as they have a strong script to hang them on. It was provided by Jonathan Hensleigh, Greg Taylor and Jim Strain, from the story by Taylor, Strain and Allsburg.

— Associated Press

## Trivia

### 1995 in review

By Kevin Carbary  
Staff writer

Another year has passed, so it's time to reflect on what took place in the world of entertainment in 1995.

It was a pretty year, but there were some events worth remembering.

First, after a bit of consideration, I'd have to say that my favorite motion picture of 1995 was "Toy Story," not about an exceptional pig. Ya, it was a kiddie movie, but it was more intelligently written and had more laughs than any other movie I saw. I also liked "Toy Story" for its originality, as well as "Get Shorty" and "The Usual Suspects."

The documentary "Crumb" was interesting.

The best rock album I heard in the last 12 months was "The Snake" by Shane MacGowan and the Poppies. Most people probably have never heard of MacGowan, former lead singer of Flogging Molly, but he's a terrific Irish singer who mixes humor in with his social commentary. He's a social commentator in town this fall.

The best TV show, to me, week in and week out was "Homicide." Life in the Streets may have been a bad episode of the program.

My favorite sports moment was Cal Ripken Jr. breaking Lou Gehrig's consecutive games played record. It was that kind of a good guy share his accomplishment with his hometown fans.

The best addition to my life was getting ESPN2 on my cable system, and all the hocky games I've ever seen.

The worst news I heard from the entertainment industry was the cancellation of "Mystery Science Theater 3000" from Comedy Central. They're supposed to be making a movie with the 'bots, but not having the gang come around each week will be hard to take. It was sad to see that the "Calvin and Hobbes" comic strip was coming to an end.

I hope the year was kind to you and paid attention to it, as this week's trivia involves the coming year.

On the show "Seinfeld," Kramer revealed his first name in a January episode. What did it turn out to be?

2. Who: Michael Jordan returned to the Chicago Bulls after his baseball stint, what was the new number he chose to wear?

4. In what month did the Oklahoma City bombing tragedy take place?

5. Which famous person spent more than \$29 million to buy a Pablo Picasso portrait painting in May?

6. Who was the name of the woman who won the right to attend The Citadel, then dropped out of it after a week?

7. Motley Crue drummer Tommy Lee married which actress?

8. This Hollywood star known for her dancing ability died in April at the age of 83. Who was she?

9. Which rock group put out the album "Hell Freezes Over"?

10. Which show won the Emmy for best comedy of the 1994-95 season?

## Millikin student lands role in NBC mini-series

The name Heather Burress of Warden isn't a household name, but she is doing her best to make it one.

The former Millikin University student recently finished working on a role in a mini-series for NBC titled "Seduced by Madness: The Diane Borchardt Story."

The two-part show will air during "sweet week" in February and is based on the story of a Wisconsin woman who convinced her study hall students to kill her husband, Burress plays Diane.

It stars Anne Margaret and Peter Coyote and is directed by John Patterson, who directed the award-winning "Hill Street Blues" and has done several television mini-series.

Burress began work on the project soon after the filming of the movie "Firefly: Confessions of a Girl Gang," in which she plays one of two main characters. The

film is scheduled for a Los Angeles premiere in April and then will be distributed in major markets, including the interest generated in the large cities, the film may be released regionally.

Burress said she "has been auditioning for almost everything" and hopes to continue her success.

"People come out to Hollywood with nothing and try to wing it," she says. "A lot of them try to come out and get noticed because of their looks and it just doesn't seem to work."

"Right now, I am doing it for the money. I am looking to make a name for myself and be a part of projects I believe in. In order to act, I need to have a knowledge about the theory of acting, which I was fortunate enough to learn at Millikin. I have been telling all the directors that will listen about Millikin and its program."

## Year

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St. Clair County over the annexation of the racetrack, truck stop and other lands. As a result of the suit, Madison will keep most of the land, including the racetrack and truck stop. The city also received \$310,000 in tax revenue that will be held in escrow until the suit was settled.

CRIME — Once again, crime made headlines in 1995, when a Venice police officer was sentenced to prison for rape, two of them were sentenced to death in connection with the multiple execution-style murder of five in Eagle Park Acres; police admitted that gangs were making inroads in the city; and a judge shot down a downtown Granite City that protesters called a den of drugs and prostitution.

Former Venice police officer Roland Wilson was sent to prison after a Madison County jury convicted him in March of aggravated criminal sexual assault, armed violence and official misconduct.

Two women testified that Wilson used his position as a police officer to intimidate them into unwilling sex acts. Wilson claimed that he would believe their word over that of a police officer.

Also in March, Sherrill Towns, 22, of Washington Park, was sentenced to die by lethal injection for the November 1994 killing of her then-boyfriend, co-defendant Remond Cox Williams, 23, of Washington Park was also given a death sentence in November.

A third defendant, Michael Coleman, 23, of Vicksburg, was sentenced to life in prison with no chance for parole.

In November, Granite City Police Detective Rich Wertheimer told a group of educators at Granite City High School that gang members "are the scum of society" — he graduated Granite City and now attends schools to recruit members.

Wertheim, a juvenile officer, said it is not too late to prevent gangs from getting a foothold in the community. He said a gang prevention call issued "Gang Disciples" and a larger group of white Supremacists have been steadily gaining numbers in the city and that most of the

problems associated with the groups are graffiti and burglaries.

The Granite City Lodge, a downtown motel, was shut down for three months this summer under drug and lewdness laws.

Madison County's Attorney William Haine sought closure of the motel at 1100 S. St. after police cited 57 documented incidents of drug trafficking and prostitution at or around the motel.

Under the terms of a court order, the motel was allowed to reopen in September with a new manager, paint job and police.

CONTAMINATION — This continued to be a major issue in Granite City in 1995. While the city and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency continued to battle in federal court over a proposed cleanup of lead residue from a now-defunct smelter, city leaders were perplexed by the reappearance of gasoline contamination at the site.

While four underground gasoline tanks were removed from the property three years ago and the cleanup was apparently 90 percent complete, contamination inexplicably reappeared at the site after the city already sunk more than \$500,000 into the cleanup project.

Adding to the city's woes was a debate in the state legislature over a moratorium on cleanups. The Illinois Underground Storage Tank (LUST) fund, administered by the IEPA, went broke during the year.

With a \$1 million limit on reimbursements for gasoline cleanups, the city may start its project again at square one.

HEAT WAVE — Temperatures that reached into the lower hundreds caused several deaths in Madison County in July and August. The heat sent a number of people to the emergency room at St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

Area residents spent much of the summer under heat advisory's issued by the National Weather Service, and three people died from heat-related causes from mid-July to late August. At the hospital, 18 people were treated for heat stroke or heat exhaustion in a one-week period, nine of those over 65.

PARTNEY — For the first time in more than a decade, former alderman and mayoral candidate Dan Partney dropped out of city politics in 1995, citing

health reasons.

The outspoken Partney, who had filed petition signatures to run for aldermanic seat, withdrew from the race in January and was replaced in May by Nancy Sanders, who ran without opposition.

FAIR BLAZE — Investigators say a fire in West Granite that took the lives of two small children Jan. 5 was probably started by a child playing with matches or a lighter.

The first at 1000 E. Brian Ave. took the lives of Christopher Hahne, 4, and his 8-month-old sister, Shelby.

The children's mother, Patricia Cathey; brother Dillon, 3; and grandmother Anita Hahne managed to escape from the home.

The husband's father Mark Hahne was at work when the fire started around midnight.

VILLAGE GREEN MOBILE HOME PARK — What started as a simple mobile home park and the management of the mobile home park grew into an investigation of title transfers by the Secretary of State Police.

Three people, park owner Ed Zeman, his daughter Edie and wife Elaine Holmes, who sold and sublet mobile homes at the park — have been indicted. Couch pleaded guilty, while Holmes' and Zeman's trials are expected to begin next week.

Problems started in April when the village declined to reissue a business license until zoning and building code problems at the park were eliminated.

During public hearings quite a bit of trouble arose. During one meeting at the Pontoon Beach Senior Citizens Center, lines of residents waited for more than an hour to tell their stories to law enforcement officials.

Because the village would not grant occupancy permits some residents were forced out of their homes, and others could not move back in after spring floods.

Eventually, the village began issuing a series of temporary business licenses until most of the building and zoning violations had been cleaned up. In November, most of the problems had been eliminated and the board issued permanent business license. However, after several

indictments were handed down two days later the board voted to reconsider and again granted a temporary business license.

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## Horoscope

Thursday, Jan. 4  
The Capricorn sun lights up areas of our lives that need strengthening. The let-it-along Gemini moon helps us handle books, run errands and get facts straight. At the same time, problems that have been awaiting us — from toothaches to job difficulties — are revealed. It's a good chance to clear away last year's obstacles to make room for this year's success.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) Good relationships are the best way to face uncertain developments. Enjoy help from a powerful ally when it materializes, but don't depend on promises. Gemini is born through resourcefulness.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) Discover new methods — your true love may introduce you to a heck of a deal. Little impulse buys are OK when good deals are available. Check your job prospects for a bonus or raise.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21) Improved management skills bring you a promotion. Adding up figures results in happy discovery that you've got more money than you thought. A **CANCER** (June 22-July 22) Independence is lucky. Your personal image is key this year — check out the latest styles to see what suits you. A sibling may be a new business partner. Traveling to a distant place may be on the near agenda.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) Devise a better way to deal with routine — increased efficiency pays off big in the year ahead. You're enjoying the thought of settling down. Keep your feet on the ground where romance and partnerships are concerned.

**TODAY'S IN BIRTHDAY** (Jan. 4) A prestigious alliance boosts your status in the New Year. Success of investments may increase. A **LIBRA** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Improved management skills bring you a promotion. Adding up figures results in happy discovery that you've got more money than you thought. A **SCORPIO** (Oct. 22-Nov. 21) A handy family member lends a hand if duties overlap. Insurance and credit matters are in flux but be creative — a better deal may await you. Attitude is key — whatever comes now can be turned to your advantage.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) A public-relations approach makes the difference in getting support for plans, solving problems and succeeding with co-workers. Your family may feel taken for granted — soothe egos, and give compliments.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Remember that imitation is flattery — try not to view a competitor defensively. You can easily outflank those who compete for a starring spot on the job. **Scorpio** romance with one who shares your powerful ambitions.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Romance and creative inspiration are all around you. As long as you watch your spending, all is well. Extended family and a wallet but withhold opportunities to prove a new person or neighbor better.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) Restlessness makes it tough to stick to routine. Today's focus is on long-term relationships.

An old school pal or work colleague may provide a recommendation that puts a job opportunity in your lap. Love holds the key.



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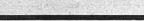
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